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SUBJECT: POLITICAL SITUATION IN INDONESIA-MURDANI DISCUSSION

1. IN COURSE OF MARCH 7 MEETING WITH GENERAL MURDANI, ASST.  
CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INTELLIGENCE, DAS GLEYSTEN AND AMBASSADOR  
RAISED POLITICAL SITUATION IN INDONESIA WITH PARTICULAR EM-  
PHASIS ON FORTHCOMING MPR SESSION AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT  
AND VICE PRESIDENT.

2. IN REPLY TO THE AMBASSADOR'S QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT  
THE VICE PRESIDENT WOULD RUN FOR ELECTION AGAIN, MURDANI  
STATED THAT IT WAS STILL UNCERTAIN. HE SAID THAT THE VICE  
PRESIDENT HAS BEEN RESISTING EFFORTS TO GET HIM TO RUN AGAIN.  
ACCORDING TO MURDANI, IN ORDER TO AVOID CONFUSION AND AN IM-  
PRESSION OF UNCERTAINTY, IT IS VERY DESIRABLE THAT THE SULTAN  
SHOULD BE REELECTED AS VICE PRESIDENT, EVEN IF HE THEN  
RESIGNS VERY SHORTLY THEREAFTER. SUCH A PROCEDURE  
WOULD PERMIT AN ORDERLY TRANSITION AND GIVE PRESIDENT  
SUHARTO THE TIME TO CHOOSE A NEW VICE PRESIDENT. IN

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REPLY TO A FURTHER QUESTION, THE ONLY NAME HE COULD  
OFFER AS A POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR TO THE VICE PRESIDENT  
WAS MALIK'S.

3. ON THE MPR SESSION, MURDANI STATED THAT THERE WERE  
STILL FOUR ISSUES UNRESOLVED AND THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME  
THERE MIGHT VERY WELL BE A LACK OF CONSENSUS ON THE GUIDE-

LINES TO BE PRESENTED FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. THE ADMINISTRATION, HE ASSERTED, IS DETERMINED THAT THERE WILL BE NO COMPROMISE REGARDING "KEPERCAYAAN." HE REMARKED THAT IF THERE WAS A LACK OF CONSENSUS OR IF THE ISSUE HAD TO COME TO A VOTE FOR THE FIRST TIME, THIS WOULD EVIDENTLY CAUSE CONSIDERABLE EXCITEMENT AS IS ALWAYS THE CASE WHEN A "FIRST" OCCURS.

4. MURDANI STATED THAT HE FELT THAT THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 11 THROUGH THE END OF MARCH OR EARLY APRIL WOULD BE THE PERIOD OF GREATEST TENSION IN INDONESIA.

5. IN THE COURSE OF THIS CONVERSATION THERE WAS A DISCUSSION OF US POLICIES TOWARDS INDONESIA DURING WHICH DAS GLEYSTEN STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE THE US ATTACHES TO ITS RELATIONS WITH INDONESIA. HE POINTED OUT US EFFORTS TO REINFORCE THESE RELATIONS, INCLUDING THE SALE OF F-5S, OUR PL 480 ASSISTANCE AND, FINALLY, THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT. MURDANI ACKNOWLEDGED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RELATIONS AND THE EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN THEM, ESPECIALLY THE VISIT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT.  
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